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No

Strong Appeal For Recruiting By President

With the mercury flirting with 35 below zero, the quarterly conference of the Taylor stake was held here last Saturday and Sunday with Pres. H. S. Allen presiding. The sessions were well attended considering the severity of the weather. The general church authorities were unable to be present owing to the terrible weather prevailing throughout the entire west. Dr. Cummings and Wm. Morton who were the substitutes for Apostle Mackay and Elder Roberts, were held up at Pocatello Idaho by the heavy snows.

In connection with the conference the Sunday Schools of the stake held their convention with Supt. O. F. Ursenbach in charge. A number of spirited meetings were held at which addresses were given on topics vital to the great Sunday School work.

Saturday evening in the Opera House a most pleasant social was given in honor of the ward officers, teachers and parents in attendance at conference. A short program was rendered, after which a most appetizing luncheon was served. The stake board certainly proved themselves efficient entertainers and the memory of that luncheon still lingers. Dancing was indulged in until eleven o'clock, splendid music being dispensed

by the Opera House orchestra.

Sunday morning two Sunday School sessions were held, and in the afternoon the chapel was crowded for the main service of the entire conference. The general and local authorities of the church were presented and unanimously sustained.

Pres. Allen was the first speaker. He referred to the recruiting campaign, reiterating his statement which appeared in a recent issue of the Leader, that as a citizen of the British Empire, he most heartily supported the enlistment of the young men in defense of their country. He thought the south country should be well represented both in its contribution of men and money.

As a church official, he could say nothing as this was a matter which rested entirely on a man's citizenship. Religion, said the speaker, should be divorced from state, and as no other religious sect has been called upon to use its influence as a church, he could not see the necessity of his thus using the power vested in him. However, it was the well known policy of the church that it most assuredly favored the greatest possible loyalty to the government under which they live.

Pres. Allen read some statistics showing the stable material

position of the stake. More tithing had been paid this year than in any for the past 7 years. Raymond first ward paid the greatest amount of tithing, while Lethbridge ward lead in the matter of the largest number of full title payers. Sixteen missionaries were in the field. There were 236 young men and women over the age of 21 years unmarried but "ought to be," according to the president. In ward teaching Grassy Lake lead, with Magrath and Lethbridge tied for second place. In Sunday School attendance Raymond second ward had the banner position with 78 per cent. The health of the people was remarkably good the death rate being only 5 to the thousand.

A thoughtful address was then made by Bp. Green of Lethbridge appealing for recruits. Elder William Palmer and Pres. Snow also delivered excellent sermons full of exhortation and warning. Elder Palmer's sermon was a masterly effort.

One of the most pleasing features of the conference was the high-class musical program furnished by the choir and orchestra under the capable direction of Mr. C. F. Tolstrup. The voices and instruments blended in magnificent harmony, and some difficult anthems were executed with a high degree of excellency. The soloists were all in fine voice and did creditable work.

Serg. Gould of the 13th O.M.R. is in town owing to the illness of Mrs. Gould. Serg. Gould anticipates a move overseas in the near future.

Country Is Stirred By The Natio'l Calamity

Canada is stirred from ocean to ocean by the terrible news from Ottawa of the destruction of the beautiful Parliament buildings. Happily the members and senators escaped. Until details are received, many naturally perplexing questions must be reserved. The outrage will likely have two effects: first, a big stimulation to recruiting; second, the adoption of much sterner methods with German and Austrian population.

Promising Life Cut Short

Miss Della Boyson, a popular young lady of Stirling, died at her home January 19th and was buried on the 20th. The funeral was numerously attended and the floral tributes were many and beautiful. Pleureasy was the cause of her untimely death.

Tempest & Sunshine Is Well Produced

Before a fairly large audience in the Opera House last Wednesday evening the dramatic artists of the second ward mutual gave a creditable presentation of the successful drama "Tempest and Sunshine."

Naturally one could criticize. There were hitches which no doubt were incidental to its being the first performance. Some of the players showed that they are new to stage work while others (more to be censured) were not "up in their lines. One can overlook these items though when judging the production as a whole and as such it gave satisfaction and reflects credit on the players and their director, Geo. Court.

Of individual players perhaps Mrs. Galbraith excelled. She was well costumed and read her lines well. And she proved that she can not only master emotional roles but is equally at home in light comedy as evidenced in the first act. Her support was good. Miss King rendered her part well and showed that she is a player to be reckoned on in the future. Mrs. Glueck as "Mammy Sue" fairly endeared herself in the hearts of the audience. She truly looked the part.

Space forbids our mentioning the male characters but suffice to say Melvin Harris, Ray Powell, Leslie Stevenson and Wilford Harvis handled their parts well, while George Court again proved that he is a good actor and an old veteran at "treating the boards."

A plays worth is judged by its reception by an audience. The applause at this performance was frequent and loud so why say more.

Within the Law Here On 17th

The United Producing Company under whose direction "Within the Law" will be seen at the Opera House, Feb. 17th, is a company of Canadian Theatrical men who have felt the crying need for first class attractions in Western Canada. Arrangements have already been made with the American Play Company for New York whereby they may secure the rights to nearly any New York success they desire. It is the plan of this company to offer only high class attractions at popular prices, and each and every production under their direction is absolutely guaranteed to the Theatre-goers of Canada. It is the ambition of the United Producing Company to make their name and guarantee a standard for high class theatrical attraction. A number of other offerings are planned for this season, and will be put out as fast as practicable. "Within the Law" was picked from the entire list of New York successes as the one that would not only give more general satisfaction, but would afford theatre patrons an opportunity to witness a production complete in every particular, interesting, problematic, intense, and replete with plenty of good wholesome comedy.

"The Man on the Box," the famous comedy drama starring Max Figma, was highly appreciated by a capacity house at the Rex Monday night. Next Monday and Tuesday Dustin Farnum, one of the most powerful actors on the American stage, will be seen in a great play of love and romance, "Captain Courtesy."

Pretty Wedding

A pretty wedding took place this week when Miss Alice Barratt became the wife of Mr. Frank Shaw, of Taylorville, Alberta. The ceremony was performed at the residence of Bishop Alford, and the bride was given away by her brother, Walter. In the evening about twenty guests assembled at a delightful reception held at the bride's mother's home. A sumptuous wedding dinner was served, and a nice program of games and music was carried out. The inimitable wit of Mr. Strong and Mr. Wall kept the guests in good humor. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw will reside for present in Raymond.

Visitors From 'Hat'

Two interesting visitors at conference were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Adsit, of Medicine Hat. They recently became affiliated with the "Mormon Church, being baptised by the first ward authorities during their visit here. Mr. Adsit is manager of the Star Printing company of Medicine Hat, and is an old-timer in the West. He has enlisted with the 175th Battalion and will take over the leadership of the regimental band, while here Mr. and Mrs. Adsit were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wede, former residents of the Hat.

The town council met last night and transacted a batch of routine business. A full report will appear next week. The body rose about 11 o'clock, and contrary to the municipal bylaw, it is alleged the aldermen, reinforced by Solicitor Ostlund, ate a hearty supper at the Sugar City Cafe.

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Duties:—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section along side his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre.

Duties:—Six months residence in each of three years after earning homestead patent; also 30 acres extra cultivation. Pre-emption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions.

A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$1.00 per acre. **Duties:**—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 30 acres and erect a house worth \$300.

The area of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of rough, scrubby or stony land. Livestock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions.

W. W. CORY C.M.G.,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

Poultry Show Success

The 11th annual Poultry Show of the Deseret Agricultural Society is now history. As to its success we need only to quote the words of Judge E. N. Barker of the best poultry men in the West: "The show is the best collection of birds I have seen outside the cities. The Magrath breeders need not fear eastern competition."

Secretary Matkin says the entries exceeded 200 which is very good in view of the cold weather. Quality made up for the limited number of exhibits. Chas. Edwards, of Taber, was the only outside exhibitor. He had a fine lot of birds.

Competition in the Barred Rock class was keen. There were 32 entries. Roy Searle captured the best display. Limited space forbids us to give any more details this week. More will follow next week, including a full list of prize winners. The chief winners were, Ririe, Woodruff, Searle, Passey, Elbert, Mendelkew, Hodges, Beeman and C. Edwards.

The winners at the Seed Fair were as follows:

W. Wheat, hard. F. Forsyth 1
W. Wheat, soft. David Pryde 1
S. Wheat, hard. Whit 1
S. Wheat, soft. Forsyth 1 Pryde 2
White Oats, long. Whit 1
Forsyth 2, Harker 3
6 Rowed Barley. Forsyth 1
Timothy Seed. R. Matkin 1
and Chas. Matkin 2
Speltz. Beeman 1, Felger 2.
Loose 3

We always knew Thomas Hocking had a big heart. He proved it conclusively this week when he walked up to F. W. Karren and handed him a \$50 cheque for the Patriotic Fund.

"Cupid at Vassar," will be the offering at the Assembly Hall Tuesday night, while on the 18th "Within the Law," will be presented.

Next Friday night the Primary Association are giving a character ball and Saturday afternoon a children's dress ball will be held.

A. P. Voorhies, agent for the Ogilvie elevator at Wellington, was married last week in Lethbridge. Mrs. Voorhies was formerly a Moose Jaw girl. The happy couple will reside in Magrath.

Mr. and Mrs. Sabey, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McConnell and Mr. and Mrs. John Brown have returned from the south.

Mrs. Parkinson is at present in Coalville, Utah, where she was called to the bed-side of her father who is seriously ill.

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Town Council

The town council met Wednesday night with Mayor Ririe and Aldermen F. W. Karren, Earl Pingree, J. T. Heninger and C. H. Karren, present.

The license of Mrs. Blaxall for operating a boarding house was re-mitted.
Mayor Ririe said he had spoken to Martin Woolf M.P.P., and told him that in his opinion the government had acted in a most high handed manner in cutting off the school district from the town. The local school board now regretted it, said the mayor, who thought the department had handed them a raw deal all round.

N. T. Beeman M.D., was appointed health officer for the year at a salary of \$150. A vigorous clean-up campaign will be inaugurated at once.

Ald. Karren failed to get a second, for his motion to separate the office of secretary-treasurer and marshal.

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Moroni Coleman celebrated their golden wedding last Tuesday, they having lived as man and wife for 50 yrs. The festivities held in the Assembly Hall, were enjoyed by over two hundred people. The banquet was an unqualified success due largely to the efforts of the chairman, S. R. Wright, who also made a hit with his English comic songs. A splendid program was rendered including a short address by Mr. Coleman.

The family presented their parents with handsome gold watches. In the evening dancing was indulged in until mid-night all married people being invited. Although Mrs. Coleman is 67 years of age and Mr. Coleman 73 they are both strong and healthy.

Recruiting Meeting Next Thursday

The 113th Kilted Battalion is Our District Battalion.

Seven hundred men are wanted. The Klities are going to Kick the Kink out of Kultur. Won't you help? The Huns are working in Canada. Suspicions are strong that our noble House of Parliament has been made a prey by them. Ingratitude—cold, premeditated hatred—despitefully these hyphenated Canadians seek to devour the hand that feeds them.

You know Teutonic methods. You cannot forget Edith Cavell. You cannot forget devastated Belgium.

All these things—and more—will be told you next Thursday night at a Mass Meeting called by Mayor Ririe. Don't flinch. Face the issue. Attend that meeting and be ready to sign your name as one who Loves His Country and His Loved Ones.

How true the words of Patrick Henry ring in this hour, spoken at a time when a peoples destiny trembled in the balance:

"Is peace so sweet and home so dear as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery..... I care not what course others may take, but ask for me—give me liberty or give me death."

Remember—NEXT THURSDAY.

Heber Harrison returned this week from Utah, where he spent an enjoyable holiday. At Dubois, Idaho, says Mr. Harrison, the snow was piled as high as some of the houses.

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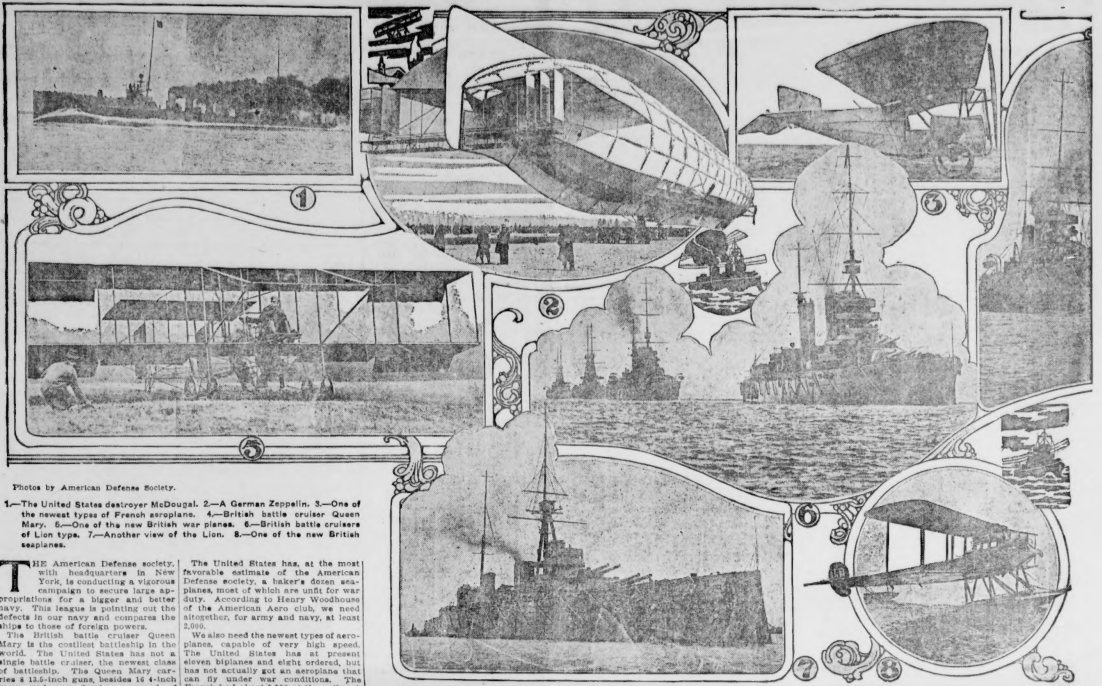
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1.—The United States destroyer McDougal. 2.—A German Zepplin. 3.—One of the newest types of French airplanes. 4.—British battle cruiser Queen Mary. 5.—One of the new British war planes. 6.—British battle cruiser of Lion type. 7.—Another view of the Lion. 8.—One of the new British airplanes.

THE American Defense society, with headquarters in New York, is conducting a vigorous campaign to secure large appropriations for a bigger and better navy. This league is pointing out the defects in our navy and compares the ships to those of foreign powers.

The British battle cruiser Queen Mary is the costliest battleship in the world. The United States has not a single battle cruiser, the newest class of battleship. The Queen Mary carries a 15.5-inch gun, besides 4-inch guns, and can develop a speed of nearly thirty knots an hour, depending upon the speed of the type.

"One of these powerful ships," writes Henry Ruderbach, "could in one sweep crush our entire Pacific fleet and raid every undefended city on the Pacific coast from Sitka to San Diego, meanwhile coaling in our own ports and nothing of ours could overtake or destroy it."

The United States has, at the most favorable estimate of the American Defense society, a hazy dozen airplanes, most of which are unfit for war duty. According to Henry Woodhouse of the American Aero club, we need altogether, for army and navy, at least 2,000.

We also need the newest types of airplanes, capable of very high speed. The United States has at present eleven biplanes and eight condition, but has not actually an airplane that can fly under war conditions. The French had about 1,500 at the outbreak of the war, the English and Germans almost as many. Altogether, including airplanes, we have less than twenty, according to the American Defense society.

A German Zepplin photographed at the Berlin field before the outbreak of the war is shown above. This is the type which has been raiding London and the English coast. The United States has one dirigible now under construction for purposes of military use.

The Atlantic torpedo boat is the most war ready unit of our navy. We have forty modern destroyers, but according to recommendations of the general board of the navy, we should have 132, or four for each battleship.

For the first time in the history of the country when not actually confronted by war, as was the case in 1918, army and navy experts have apparently adopted the policy of presenting to congress the actual needs of the service, as demonstrated by the present war.

In past years the general board of the navy has made its report—and on the whole, a consistent report—and the secretary of the navy has thereupon, with the advice of political leaders in the senate and house of representatives, decided upon just how little the country would accept. It frequently happened that these recommendations of the secretary, themselves a modification of the general board recommendation,

were still further curtailed in congress until today both army and navy are in the appalling state of unpreparedness which has so roused the whole country.

Today, according to all expert naval opinion, the United States needs forty-eight dreadnaughts to enable it to fulfill its naval obligations, to protect its commerce and to repel an enemy. We have but seven such ships actually in commission, with seven more building or authorized. The composition of a naval fleet is not a matter of guesswork. Every class of ship has been closely studied, and the number of every class of ship necessary to make an efficient fleet has been accurately determined. Thus every dreadnaught should be protected by four swift torpedo boat destroyers. A total of forty-eight dreadnaughts involves the building of 192 destroyers. We have at present about 100.

Not saying that an entire amount of damage upon the English merchant fleet could have been accomplished by any speedy warship without half of the danger and expense of a submarine had Germany been able to get her war fleet upon the North sea. Still it is not to be questioned that an adequate fleet of seagoing submarines should be provided for the American navy. We have no submarine in commission yet of the seagoing type, although ten are building or authorized.

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SLIDE AT CANAL WILL IMPROVE THE WATERWAY

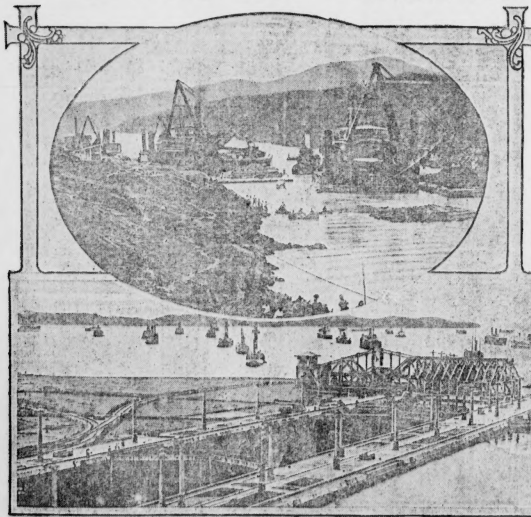


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Latest Slide in Panama Canal and Ships Waiting to Pass Through.

THIS great slide in Galliard cut of the Panama canal, which has choked that part of the great isthmian waterway with millions of cubic yards of rock and dirt, until the channel is only about twenty-five feet in width, while the depth has been reduced from forty-five feet to varying depths from three to fifteen feet, was clearly foreseen as long ago as October of last year.

For months before the sudden plunge of the great mass into the canal General Goethals, governor of the canal zone, and his associates worked day and night, hearing the rumbling din, their calculations being such that had the slide continued its way slowly the engineering staff would have been able to free the threatened part of the cut as the dirt and rock came into it. This statement was made by Brigadier General H. F. Hodges, U. S. A., who until his promotion to his present rank last year was assistant chief engineer of the canal and who knows every foot of the waterway from the Atlantic to the Pacific terminals. General Hodges, who has kept in close touch with the situation caused as a result of the great slide, talked of the problem confronting General Goethals. For the benefit of the pessimists it

can be stated that instead of irreparably damaging the canal the great slide will in the end make the canal a safer waterway, and when it is removed the danger of a recurrence will to a great extent have been eliminated.

"What has happened," said General Hodges, "was clearly foreseen as far back as October of last year—that is, we saw that the mass was slowly moving into the prism. It was of course impossible to foresee that it would so suddenly dislodge and plunge in its entirety into the cut, blocking it to traffic and causing the great slump."

"When it was discovered that the rock and earth involved in the slide were moving the most powerful of dredges were put to work removing the rock and other material as fast as it came into the threatened part of the cut. All went well, and the dredges were able to keep the channel comparatively free until the early part of September the mass of sliding material suddenly began to move as fast that the block followed. Unfortunately it came with a rush, and the dredges were entirely unable to cope with the situation. The result is what the world has since learned, and the problem now is to get it out. You may rest assured the problem will be successfully worked out and the canal, when it is again clear, will be a better canal than it ever was before."

"About 10,000,000 cubic yards of matter were involved in the slide. The fact that it was in motion was, as I have stated, known to the canal engineers since October of last year. For months, until the sudden rush of September, the movement was very slow. That it was moving could be detected by the dropping particles. The west side of the slide is north of what is known as Gold Hill and north of Contractors' hill on the west, a part of the western area being the site of the old village of Culebra, now occupied by a part of the Panama canal garrison and known as Panama City."

"Since Sept. 29 until the present time the slide has been in continuous motion. The length of the channel obstructed being about 1,500 feet. The width at the worst point has been reduced to about twenty-five feet and the depth to between three and fifteen feet. The finished width of the channel at the point where the trouble is will be 250 feet and the depth forty-five feet. These figures indicate the size of the problem confronting General Goethals and his men."

FIND CAUSE OF PELLAGRA.

To prove the contention of Dr. Joseph Goldberger, a surgeon in the United States public health service, that pellagra is caused by a toxic substance consisting of carbohydrates to the exclusion of proteins, a diet of white corn, the staple of the Mississippi state penitentiary seven months ago volunteered to be placed on this kind of a diet, exclusively. State health officers now announce that six of the men developed pellagra and that two others showed symptoms.

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Is Your Dining Room Pretty?

A LAMBE dining room is not necessary; so do not be disappointed with your small one. If possible, make it a gay, attractive place, with light walls, china hangings, painted furniture, and a few touches of color. A dining room should never be gloomy. Its charm will disappear. No one wants to have a dining room which will turn them into a glum dyspeptic.



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 F. C. STEELE, Editor

In a certain decision of the supreme court en banc sitting at Calgary, it was held that towns and cities could not legally collect pool hall licenses under the new Pool Halls Act. The collection of a license was given to the province, cutting-off a material source of revenue for the municipalities. Instantly a cry went up all over the province and we assume that at the next session of the House which opens this month, the Act will be amended.

Meanwhile, the Magrath town council and perhaps others in the south, are not trusting the government to rectify this blunder, but are drafting petitions themselves which will likely be presented by Mr. Martin Woolf M.P.P.

This seems unnecessary to the Leader. It is our opinion the government knows that the Act is faulty in this regard. Then town Solicitor Ostlund assures us that two cabinet ministers, Messrs. Gariepy and Mitchell, informed him that it was not the intention of the government to take away the licenses from the towns and cities. The idea of the special provincial license was merely the creation of revenue for the payment of pool hall inspectors. What more is necessary?

The government, through two of its members, admits the weakness of the Act. Then they are bound on their own volition, to make it fair and sensible. Governments rarely admit a mistake, and when we hear the frank expression of these two ministers, there is only one conclusion to reach: the Act will be amended.

Of course, their can be no serious objection to the movement launched by the Magrath council. It is not improper; only superfluous.

One of the most encouraging and interesting documents we have read for some time was the annual report of the Lethbridge Board of Trade. Under the able direction of President Marnoch, who by the way is one of the big men of Alberta today, the board has accomplished many good things during the year. The report makes mighty fine reading for a Southern Albian.

Mayor Hardie has a nasty way of slamming the reporters of Lethbridge. He was quite wrathful about the Herald's story of the stranded American boys and their treatment in our northern suburb. Not at all surprising.

A returned officer says he doesn't think the Allies will ever get beyond the Rhine. O well, when one gets to that point, there isn't much left.

Agent Explains

Agent Pettifor of the C. P. R. wishes to state that he desires to give the very best of service to the public, and explained to the Leader that telegraph messages could be given over the phone providing arrangements were made with the superintendent. This explanation came as a result of recent reference in our editorial column, and we heartily thank the agent for the enlightenment.

Old Folks' Day

Next Thursday the Old Folks' party will be held in the second ward chapel, elaborate preparations being now underway for the event. In the evening a big free married folks' ball will be held in the Opera House.

Paul H. Nakamura has opened an employment agency in the Security block will handle all classes of Japanese labor.

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